

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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WSDOT Construction Activity & Possible Delays/July10-20, 2003

US 2/Fairchild Main Gate Turn Lane (MP 275)-Minor items remain. No delays.

<u>US 2/Fairchild Main Gate to Garfield Road in Airway Heights (MP 275-278)-</u>On Tuesday and Wednesday, July 15 & 16, from about 7:00 a.m. to around 3:00 p.m., WSDOT Maintenance crews will be painting crosswalk lines in this section. Motorists should expect lane restrictions at intersections.

SR 20/Okanogan County Line to Graves Mtn. Rd. (MP 297-326)- On Friday, July 18, crews will fog seal this highway in Ferry County. Motorists should expect single lane traffic directed by flaggers and/or pilot cars with possible delays. This work requires dry weather.

<u>SR 20/Ruby Mountain to Newport (MP 404-436)-</u>Shoulder work is underway. Possible lane restrictions. This project consists of a pavement overlay from Ruby Mountain to Metcalf Lake (MP404-412) and a chip seal from Metcalf Lake to Newport (MP 412-436).

SR 21/Lind to I-90 (MP 25-37)-Some work remains.

SR 21/Wilbur to Keller Ferry (MP 93-106)- On Wednesday, July 16, crews will fog seal this highway in Ferry County. Motorists should expect single lane traffic directed by flaggers and/or pilot cars with possible delays. This work requires dry weather.

<u>SR 21/Republic to the Canada Border (MP 162-191)-</u> On Friday and Saturday, July 18 & 19, chip seal work will be underway. While work is underway, motorists can expect loose gravel and fresh oil on the roadway. Expect possible slow, single-lane traffic controlled by flaggers or pilot cars. This work requires dry weather.

<u>SR 25/Reinbold Rd. to Spokane River (MP 17-23)-</u> On Monday July 14 and Thursday, July 17, chip seal and fog seal work will be underway on this highway in Lincoln County. While work is underway, motorists can expect loose gravel and/or fresh oil on the roadway. Expect possible slow, single-lane traffic controlled by flaggers or pilot cars. This work requires dry weather.

SR 25/Kettle Falls to Bossburg (MP 81-102)-Paving and shoulder work will be underway. Motorists should expect some delays with flaggers directing traffic around the work.

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SR 26-Colfax/Palouse River Bridge (MP 133)-Work has been suspended until mid-September. All lanes open and the temporary signal has been turned off. Because railing finish work remains the speed reduction will stay in place. SPEED LIMIT ALERT: There is a reduction in the legal speed limit to 35 mph on SR 26 in the vicinity of this project.

SR 27/Palouse to Garfield (MP 15-25)-Some work remains.

<u>I-90/Salnave Road Interchange to Geiger Blvd. Interchange (MP 265-275)-</u>Work is underway with shoulder and median items on the schedule. Motorists should expect possible lane restrictions with traffic reduced to one lane in each direction and possible slower traffic in the vicinity of active work with equipment and personnel adjacent to and on the roadway. Some intermittent rock blasting work will also be underway. Blasting requires that I-90 be closed in both directions for up to 10 minutes.

HIGH IMPACT!! I-90 Eastbound/Sign Bridge Repairs (MP 281.68)-On Saturday, July 12, from about 5:00 a.m. to around Noon, WSDOT Maintenance crews will be performing repairs on the sign structure on eastbound I-90 between the Division Street on-ramp and the Hamilton Street off ramp. Eastbound I-90 will be reduced to one through lane. Motorists should expect slow traffic, congestion, and possible delays. All on and off ramps will be open.

HIGH IMPACT!! I-90 Westbound/Sign Bridge Repairs (MP 281.68)-On Sunday, July 13, from about 5:00 a.m. to around Noon, WSDOT Maintenance crews will be performing repairs on the sign structure on westbound I-90 between the Hamilton Street on-ramp and the Division Street off-ramp. Westbound I-90 will be reduced to two through lanes. Motorists should expect slow traffic, congestion, and possible delays. All on and off ramps will remain open however traffic entering westbound I-90 from Hamilton should be prepared to merge onto the I-90 through lanes within a short distance.

<u>I-90/Eastbound Sign Repairs (MP 282.3)-</u>Today, Thursday July 10, until about 3:00 p.m., WSDOT Maintenance crews will be performing repairs on the overhead sign attached to the bridge just east of the Hamilton eastbound off ramp. I-90 through traffic will be reduced to two lanes. Motorists should be alert for slow traffic, congestion, and delays. All on and off ramps are open.

NEW!! I-90/Sunset Hill to Argonne (MP 278-287)- Work begins on Monday, July 14. This project provides for the upgrade and enhancement of the existing electronic system the DOT uses to monitor and coordinate traffic flows throughout the I-90 corridor. Most work will not affect freeway traffic but some upcoming activities over the next few months may create impacts and delays on some city streets with some possible freeway lane and shoulder restrictions at times. On the schedule is shoulder work near the Argonne Interchange with possible shoulder restrictions in that area. No delays expected.

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<u>I-90/Sullivan Road to Idaho Border (MP 292-299)</u>-Paving operations are underway. During the daytime hours on weekdays, motorists need to be alert for equipment and personnel adjacent to the travel lanes. In the evenings and overnight hours on weekdays, plus all hours on weekends, motorists need to be alert for lane closures and speed reductions. **SPEED LIMIT ALERT:** When lane reductions are in place, the legal speed will be dropped to 55 m.p.h. Motorists need to be extremely alert for speed limit changes. Speed limit signs will be in place to note the exact location of the speed limits during working hours.

SR 174/Grant County Line to Wilbur (MP 23-40)- On Monday and Tuesday, July 14 & 15, crews will fog seal this highway in Lincoln County. Motorists should expect single lane traffic directed by flaggers and/or pilot cars with possible delays. This work requires dry weather.

<u>US 195/Spangle to Excelsior Drive (MP 80-88)</u>- Work is now underway on this surface rehabilitation project south of Spokane. <u>The pavement surfacing work is in the southbound lanes only.</u> Shoulder work is on the schedule. The southbound lanes will be reduced to one lane at various work sites. Motorists may experience some slow traffic near these work sites. Also some signage and electrical work in the northbound and southbound lanes will be underway.

SR 290-Trent Avenue/Spokane River Bridge 290/4 Replacement (MP 0.4-0.6)- Work continues on this bridge replacement project between downtown and just west of Hamilton Street. Trent Ave. is closed to through traffic between Riverpoint Blvd. and Cincinnati Street. Detours are fully signed. Access to all businesses on Trent is available. This is a long-term closure.

NEW!! SR 290-Trent Avenue/Spokane River Bridge 290/5 Repair (MP 0.82-0.91)-Work is now underway on the repair of this bridge just east of Hamilton Street. This is underwater repair being done from the waterway, (Spokane River). No lane restrictions on Trent expected this week.

<u>US 395/Immel Rd. to Arden (MP 212-223)-</u>Work is now underway on this resurfacing project in Stevens County. Items on the schedule include crack sealing and shoulder items. Possible delays of up to 10 minutes.

<u>US 395 /Colville-Hawthorne Avenue Intersection (MP 229)</u>-Work continues on this intersection project at the south end of Colville. This is a City of Colville project with WSDOT participation. For detailed information call (509) 684-2244.

<u>US 395/Colville (MP 230)</u>-Contractor crews working with the City of Colville will be constructing additional an turning lane, driveway access, and lighting for the Wal-Mart near 8th Street in north Colville. Possible lane restrictions.